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To create a Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Investment Control in the
United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules

A BILL

To create a Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign
Investment Control in the United States.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, (a) upon enactment of the Foreign Investment Control
4 Act of 1983, there is created a Joint Committee on Foreign
5 Investment Control in the United States (hereafter in this
6 Act referred to as the "joint committee").
7 (b) The joint committee shall be composed of ten mem-
8 bers as follows:

1 (1) five Members of the Senate, appointed by the
2 President pro tempore of the Senate, not more than
3 three from the same political party; and

4 (2) five Members of the House of Representatives
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa-
6 tives, not more than three from the same political
7 party.

8 (c) Vacancies in the membership of the joint committee
9 shall not affect the power of the remaining members to ex-
10 ecute the functions of the joint committee and shall be filled
11 in the same manner as in the case of the original appoint-
12 ment.

13 (d) The joint committee shall select a chairman and a
14 vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of
15 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place of
16 the chairman in his absence. The chairmanship and the vice
17 chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and the
18 House of Representatives with each Congress. The chairman
19 during each even-numbered Congress shall be selected by the
20 Members of the House of Representatives on the joint com-
21 mittee from among their number and the chairman during
22 each odd-numbered Congress shall be selected by the Mem-
23 bers of the Senate on the joint committee from among their
24 number. The vice chairman during each Congress shall be
25 chosen in the same manner as the chairman; except that he

1 shall be chosen from that House of Congress other than the
2 House of Congress of which the chairman is a Member.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall study the manner
4 in which the National Foreign Investment Control Commis-
5 sion established by the Foreign Investment Control Act of
6 1983, fulfills the purposes established for it by such Act of
7 1983.

8 (b) The joint committee shall report, from time to time,
9 to the Senate and the House of Representatives their recom-
10 mendations with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of
11 the joint committee, and the joint committee may at any time
12 communicate directly to the National Foreign Investment
13 Control Commission the joint committee's suggestions for the
14 Commission to implement more effectively the Foreign In-
15 vestment Control Act of 1981.

16 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
17 the joint committee to make any recommendations with re-
18 spect to the rules, parliamentary procedure, practices, or pre-
19 cedents of either House or the consideration of any matter on
20 the floor of either House.

21 SEC. 3. The joint committee, or any duly authorized
22 subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such
23 places and times during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned
24 periods of Congress, to require by subpoena or otherwise the
25 attendance of such witnesses and the production of such

1 books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths and
2 affirmations, to take such testimony, to procure such printing
3 and binding and to make such expenditures, as it deems ad-
4 visable. The joint committee may make such rules respecting
5 its organization and procedures as it deems necessary, except
6 that no recommendation shall be reported from the joint com-
7 mittee unless a majority of the joint committee assent. Sub-
8 penas may be issued over the signature of the chairman of
9 the joint committee or of any member designated by him or
10 by the joint committee, and may be served by such person or
11 persons as may be designated by such chairman or member.
12 The chairman of the joint committee or any member thereof
13 may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses.

14 SEC. 4. (a) In carrying out its functions under subsec-
15 tions (a) and (b) of section 2 of this Act, the joint committee is
16 authorized, by record vote of a majority of the members of
17 the joint committee—

18 (1) to a point, on a permanent basis, without
19 regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of
20 fitness to perform their duties, not more than three
21 professional staff members and not more than five
22 clerical staff members;

23 (2) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

24 (3) to fix their pay at respective per annum gross
25 rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as

1 in effect from time to time, of the General Schedule of
2 section 5332(a) of title 5; and

3 (4) to terminate their employment as the joint
4 committee may deem appropriate.

5 (b) In carrying out any of its functions under this Act,
6 the joint committee is authorized to utilize the services, infor-
7 mation, facilities, and personnel of the departments and es-
8 tablishments of the Government, and to procure the tempo-
9 rary (not to exceed one year) or intermittent services of ex-
10 perts or consultants or organizations thereof by contract at
11 rates of pay not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the
12 highest rate of basic pay set forth in the General Schedule of
13 section 5332 of title 5, including payment of such rates for
14 necessary traveltime.

15 SEC. 5. The joint committee shall keep a complete
16 record of all joint committee actions, including a record of the
17 votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded.
18 All records, data, charts, and files of the joint committee shall
19 be the property of the joint committee and shall be kept in
20 the offices of the joint committee or such other places as the
21 joint committee may direct.

22 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee shall be
23 paid one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-
24 half from the contingent fund of the House of Representa-
25 tives, upon vouchers approved by the chairman.